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In re Application of
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Application No. 10/032,849
Filed: October 29, 2001
Attorney Docket No.
SUN-P6516NP US/NC

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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

DECISION GRANTING PETITION

This is a decision on the Petition for Filing Date based upon an Express Mailing Certificate under 37 CFR 1.10(a), filed on May 10, 2002, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of December 6, 2001, rather than the presently accorded filing date of December 29, 2001.

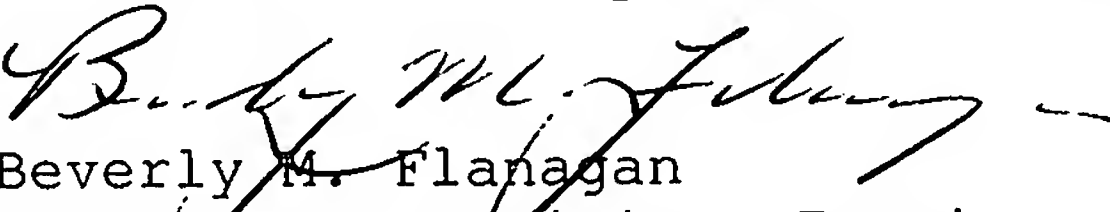
The Petition is granted.

Petitioner alleges the application was deposited in "Express Mail" service with the U.S. Postal Service, on October 29, 2001. In support, the petition is accompanied by a copy of the Express Mail mailing label, receipt no. EL656568624US, indicating a "date-in" of October 29, 2001. Additionally, the Application Transmittal Form identifies that the above-identified application, with attorney docket number SUN-P6516NP US/NC, was deposited via Express Mail with the same Express Mail mailing label, receipt no. EL656568624US.

The Office considers the date the correspondence is shown to have been deposited as "Express Mail" to be the "date-in" on the Express Mail mailing label. See MPEP §513. The date indicated on the "date-in" on the Express Mail mailing label verifies that the package was actually mailed. In view of the above, the evidence is convincing that the application was deposited as "Express Mail" with the US Postal Service on December 6, 2001. Accordingly, the application is accepted as filed on October 29, 2001.

The application is being forwarded to Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing, including the mailing of a corrected filing receipt with a filing date of October 29, 2001.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to Petitions Attorney Derek L. Woods at 703-305-0014.


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